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New England Soldiers' Relief Association.

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ORGANIZATION AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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“NEW ENGLAND “SOLDIERS’ RELIEF ASSOCIATION.”

PRELIMINARY MEETING AND ORGANIZATION.

IN pursuance of arrangements made at a preliminary meeting of gentlemen held at the Astor House, on the 28th of March, 1862, and in accordance with a public notice given in the daily papers of the city, a large and influential meeting of citizens of New England resident in New York, was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, on Monday evening, March 31, 1862, with the purpose of making arrangements to provide for proper attention to the sick and wounded soldiers as they shall from time to time pass through New York on their return from the seat of war to their homes.

Mr. William M. Evarts was chosen Chairman of the meeting, and Mr. William Bond and Dr. Maurice Perkins were chosen Secretaries.

After a long discussion of the subject, which was participated in by the following gentlemen, viz., Mr. Charles Gould, Gen. Prosper M. Wetmore, Mr. George W. Blunt, Rev. Dr. F. Vinton, Col. George Bliss, Capt. E. E. Morgan, Col. Frank E. Howe, Mr. Nath. Hayden, Hon. C. A. Peabody, Dr. James R. Wood, Mr. C. C. Leigh, Mr. William M. Evarts, Dr. J. H. Griscom, and others, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by the Chair, of three from each New England State, with power to fill vacancies, and to add to their number, to provide the necessary means, and to provide suitable care, attendance, and accommodations for the sick, disabled and wounded

New England soldiers as they pass through the city on their way homeward from the war; and that the citizens, physicians, and surgeons of New York, and the United States Sanitary Commission, be invited to coöperate in this patriotic and benevolent plan.

2. *Resolved*, That this committee be instructed, that in performing their duties to the sick and wounded of New England, they extend their aid and charity to their comrades from every State found in their company, and that we desire fully to coöperate in any common arrangements that may include provisions for the aid and care of all sick and wounded soldiers who may be brought to the city from the war.

3. *Resolved*, In view of the prompt and humane action of the physicians and surgeons of this city, that they be invited to send such a delegation to meet and confer with the committee appointed by the meeting, as they may deem proper.

In accordance with, and to carry out the purpose of the Resolutions, the chairman announced the following

COMMITTEE.

Connecticut.

CHARLES GOULD, Esq.,
Gen. PROSPER M. WETMORE,
Col. JOHN H. ALMY, State Agent.

Maine.

DEXTER A. HAWKINS, State Agent,
WILLIAM H. FOGG, Esq.,
Rev. Dr. R. D. HITCHCOCK.

Massachusetts.

Col. FRANK E. HOWE, State Agent,
F. E. WELLINGTON, Esq.,
SAMUEL E. LOW, Esq.

New Hampshire.

Hon. BENJAMIN W. BONNEY,
" CHARLES A. PEABODY,
JEREMIAH BURNS, Esq.

Rhode Island.

EDWIN HOYT, Esq.,
WM. J. HOPPIN, Esq.,
Rev. Dr. F. VINTON.

Vermont.

E. W. STOUGHTON, Esq.,
Maj. J. A. PULLEN,
JOHN PAINE, Esq.

And subsequently, on motion, the officers of the meeting were added to the committee, viz. :

WILLIAM M. EVARTS, *Massachusetts.*
WILLIAM BOND, *Connecticut.*
MAURICE PERKINS, *Vermont.*

After the adjournment of the meeting, the chairman requested the members of the committee designated, who were present, to remain for the purpose of organizing and making arrangements to carry out the purpose of their appointment.

The names of the committee being called, the following gentlemen were found to be present, viz. :

Messrs.

GOULD,	LOW,	BURNS,
HOWE,	VINTON,	HAWKINS,
WETMORE,	PULLEN,	HITCHCOCK,
WELLINGTON,	PEABODY,	EVARTS.
BOND,	PERKINS,	

The committee was then called to order, and the following gentlemen were unanimously elected to the offices respectively set to their names, viz. :

WILLIAM M. EVARTS, *Chairman.*

CHARLES GOULD, *Vice-Chairman.*

SAMUEL E. LOW, *Treasurer.*

WILLIAM BOND, } *Secretaries.*
MAURICE PERKINS, }

On motion of Mr. Wetmore, it was

Voted, That a committee (of two) on organization be appointed by the Chair, who shall be charged with the particular duty of preparing a written basis of organization for the Association, together with such Articles of Association, By-Laws, and Regulations as they shall deem appropriate, and present the same for the consideration of the Committee at their next meeting ; whereupon,

Messrs. Wetmore and Peabody were appointed such Committee.

On motion of Judge Peabody it was

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, who shall be authorized and requested, in behalf of this body, to communicate with the President, the Secretary of War, and such other members of the National Government as they may deem proper, for the purpose of interchanging views in relation to the relief of sick and wounded soldiers arriving in this city, to the end that mutual co-

operation and greater efficiency may be obtained in effecting the purposes of this Association.

Whereupon, Hon. Chas. A. Peabody, Rev. Dr. F. Vinton, and Rev. Dr. Hitchcock were appointed such committee.

After some informal discussion in relation to a suitable building and other accommodations necessary for the purposes of this Association, it was on motion of Col. Howe,

Resolved, That a Committee (of three) on location be appointed, who shall be charged with the duty of examining such building or buildings as they may think appropriate for use in administering to the wants, necessities, and comforts of the sick and wounded soldiers arriving in New York, and for the general purposes of this Association, and make a report in relation thereto, at the next meeting of this Committee.

Whereupon, Messrs. Howe, Hawkins, and Almy were appointed such Committee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Vinton, it was

Resolved, That the delegations from the several States be requested to communicate directly with the Executive of those States to inquire if it is their desire or intention to repay necessary and certified expenses incurred in ministering to the wants of the soldiers belonging to their respective States.

On motion of Gen. Wetmore, it was

Resolved, That the Committee of Physicians and Surgeons, organized for the purpose of rendering medical assistance to the sick and wounded soldiers, be invited to select three of their number, who shall be members of this Permanent Committee.

On motion of Mr. Gould, it was

Resolved, That this organization be designated as "The Soldiers' Relief Association."

On motion, adjourned, to meet at the Rooms of the Union Defence Committee, No. 30 Pine street, Room 14, on Wednesday, April 2d, at 3 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM M. EVARTS, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM BOND, }
MAURICE PERKINS, } *Secretaries*.

“NEW ENGLAND SOLDIERS’ RELIEF ASSOCIATION.”

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Wednesday, April 2, 1862.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met at No. 30 Pine street, Room 14, and was called to order at 3 o’clock p. m., by Mr. Gould, Vice-Chairman.

The following members were present, viz. :

MESSRS.

LOW,	ALMY,	PERKINS,
HOWE,	FOGG,	HAWKINS,
PULLEN,	PEABODY,	BOND,
VINTON,	WETMORE,	WELLINGTON,
HITCHCOCK,	PAINE,	BURNS.
HOPPIN,	GOULD,	

The following letter from Mr. Edwin Hoyt was presented and read to the meeting :

“NEW YORK, April 2, 1862.

“WILLIAM M. EVARTS Esq., Chairman :

“SIR : I regret that illness prevents me from meeting with the Committee of the Soldiers’ Relief Association to-day. This may be the proper occasion for me to correct the erroneous impression that my birth-place was in Rhode Island instead of Connecticut. Deeply as I feel interested in all matters connected with R. I., I should feel out of place in serving on the Committee for that State. I would respectfully suggest the name of my partner, Mr. Nehemiah Knight, of Providence, R. I., who, I feel quite confident, will cheerfully consent to act in my place, and at the same time I would add, that it will afford me pleasure to render him and the

Committee any assistance in my power towards carrying out the good cause.

“Very respectfully,

“EDWIN HOYT.”

Mr. Nehemiah Knight, of Rhode Island, was thereupon unanimously elected a member of the Association in place of Mr. Edwin Hoyt, who declined the appointment.

The following letter from Mr. Arad Barrows was then presented and read to the meeting :

“PHILADELPHIA, *April 1, 1862.*

“WILLIAM M. EVARTS, Esq., New York :

“DEAR SIR : I notice by the *New York Times* of to-day, that you have been appointed President of an Association formed for the purpose of providing proper attention to the wounded soldiers on their way from the battle-field. On behalf of the Union Volunteer Refreshment Saloon of this city, I respectfully offer the services of our Committee, if they can be of any use to you. We have accommodations at the Hospital for fifty men, but can take a larger number, and give them all care and attention. Hoping to receive an early reply from you, I remain,

“Very truly yours,

“ARAD BARROWS, Pres't, (per Ritter.)

“N. B.—Please direct to P. O. Box 258.”

Whereupon, on motion of Gen. Wetmore, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby, cordially tendered to Arad Barrows, Esq., of Philadelphia, and to the committee of which he is the President, in acknowledgment of their humane and friendly offer contained in the letter just read ; that the subject-matter in said letter be referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Almy, Howe, and Hawkins, the agents, respectively, of the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine ; and that the Secretary notify Mr. Barrows of the action of this committee.

The following letter from Dr. S. Conant Foster was presented and read :

"NEW YORK, *April 1, 1862.*

"W. M. EVARTS, Esq.:

"DEAR SIR: As I was unable to attend the meeting last evening, will you permit me, through you, to tender my professional services to the committee in any way in which they can be made available for the sick and wounded of our armies.

"Very respectfully and truly,

"S. CONANT FOSTER, 24 East 21st st."

Whereupon, on motion of Dr. Vinton, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby, tendered to Dr. Foster for his humane and patriotic offer of professional services, and the same are gratefully accepted, and that the Secretary be requested to notify Dr. Foster of the action of this Association.

Rev. Dr. Vinton, from the Committee on Correspondence with the National Government, verbally reported,

That they had communicated in writing to the Secretary of War on the subject-matter of their appointment, and that, during the course of next week, one or more of the members of the committee propose to visit Washington to have a personal interview with the national authorities with reference to this matter.

Mr. Hawkins, from the Committee on Location, verbally reported:

That the building No. 194 Broadway could be rented at the rate of \$4,000 per annum, and that Col. Howe would take the first floor and part of the basement, and pay rent therefor at the rate of \$2,000 per annum, leaving \$2,000 per annum to be paid by this Association for the remainder of the building.

A letter was also read from Dr. Dale, Surgeon-General of the State of Massachusetts, in reference to this building, approving of its interior arrangements and excellent location.

Whereupon, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Committee on Location be continued, and instructed to rent the building No. 194 Broadway, and

prepare the same as speedily as possible for the beneficiaries of this Association.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins, it was

Voted, That a Finance Committee be appointed, to consist of one member from each State.

Whereupon, Messrs.

FOGG, of Maine,

PEABODY, of New Hampshire,

PAINE, of Vermont,

WELLINGTON, of Massachusetts,

KNIGHT, of Rhode Island, and

R. H. McCURDY, of Connecticut,

were appointed such Committee.

On motion, it was

Voted, That Mr. Low, the Treasurer of this Association, be added to said Committee, and be, ex-officio, the Chairman thereof.

On motion of Gen. Wetmore,

Rev. Dr. H. W. Bellows and Rev. Dr. Samuel Osgood, were unanimously elected members of this Association.

The Committee on Organization made a verbal report, and asked leave to defer making the Report in writing until the next meeting of the Association, which was granted.

On motion of Mr. Gould, it was

Voted, That the Secretary divide this General Committee into five Sub-Committees, exclusive of the several State agents, to form visiting Committees for the purpose of receiving, visiting, and attending to the wounded and disabled soldiers as they shall, from time to time, arrive in the city ; such Sub-Committees to coöperate with the State agents and medical attendants, each Committee to serve one week, and to have the powers of substitution and of increasing their numbers.

Mr. Burns, on behalf of the proprietors of the Astor House, tendered to this Association the gratuitous use of a room or rooms in their hotel for the purpose of holding the meetings of the Association at any time they may desire to make such use of them.

Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby, tendered to the proprietors of the Astor House for their liberal and generous offer.

General Wetmore made a verbal statement, setting forth some of the many acts of charity and kindness rendered by the proprietors of the Astor House to New England troops passing through New York, and particularly by Mr. Charles Stetson and family to the wounded and sick soldiers who have been brought to this city, and thereupon offered the following

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION.

Whereas, this Association has been informed of the many acts of Christian charity, sympathy, and kindness shown by Charles A. Stetson, Esq., and family, to the wounded, sick, and suffering soldiers who have passed through this city on their way to their homes from the seat of way.

And, whereas, it is the duty, as well as the pleasure of this Association to recognize and acknowledge such acts of disinterested benevolence and patriotism, therefore,

Resolved, unanimously, that this Committee tender their sincere thanks to General Stetson and the members of his family for their kind attentions to the sick and wounded soldiers who have passed through New York on their way to their homes.

Resolved, That the Secretary cause this Preamble and Resolution to be engrossed, signed by the officers of this Association, and sent to Mr. Stetson.

On motion, adjourned to meet at this place on Thursday April 3, at half-past three o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM BOND, *Secretary*.

“NEW ENGLAND SOLDIERS’ RELIEF ASSOCIATION.”

ADJOURNED MEETING.

THURSDAY, *April 3*, 1862.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met at No. 30 Pine street, Room No. 14, and was called to order at half-past three o’clock P. M., by Mr. Gould, Vice Chairman.

The following members of the Association were present :

Messrs.

FOGG,	PAINE,	LOW,	WETMORE,
PEABODY,	PERKINS,	VINTON,	ALMY,
BURNS,	HOWE,	KNIGHT,	BOND,
PULLEN,	WELLINGTON,	GOULD,	BELLOWS.

The Secretary read the minutes of previous meetings, which were approved, and the proceedings were unanimously confirmed.

The Committee on Organization reported in writing through General Wetmore, Chairman, and presented a basis of organization, which was read and discussed, section by section.

After a considerable discussion by Messrs. Bellows, Vinton, Wetmore, Peabody, Almy, Paine, Howe, Burns, and others, upon the subject-matter of Article 1, relating to a name for this Association, the Article was amended by filling the blank left by the Committee with the words “New England Soldiers’ Relief Association.”

The Report of the Committee was then accepted, and the basis of organization, as amended and reported com-

plete by the committee, was adopted, and ordered to be recorded with the minutes.

PREAMBLE.

This Association, representing the sons of New England resident in the city of New York appointed in public meeting for the purpose of forming an association to aid and care for the sick and wounded soldiers passing through the city of New York on their way to or from the war, do hereby adopt the following

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION:

First. The name of this Association shall be "New England Soldiers' Relief Association."

Second. The officers of this Association shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and two Recording Secretaries.

Third. The Association shall hold their meetings for the transaction of business by adjournment, or whenever called together by order of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, or of any three members of the Association.

Fourth. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall preside at all meetings, and they shall be governed by the usual rules of order. In case of the absence of both these officers, the Association may appoint a Chairman pro tempore.

Fifth. The funds of the Association shall be provided by voluntary contribution, and shall in all cases be paid into the hands of the Treasurer, who shall keep a record of all receipts, and shall disburse them only on bills duly certified by one of the State agents, and approved by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. The Treasurer shall report the state of the finances whenever he may deem it desirable, and whenever requested to do so by the Association. He shall be, ex-officio, a member and Chairman of the Finance Committee, when the same shall be appointed.

Sixth. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and preserve copies thereof in a volume to be devoted to that purpose for the use of this Association.

Seventh. The Recording Secretaries shall record the proceedings of the Association in a volume provided for that purpose, and be present at each meeting. They shall keep record of the attendance of the members, and shall call the roll of members promptly at the hour named for the meeting.

Eighth. The Secretary shall select from this Association five committees, (excluding the several State agents,) to form visiting committees for the purpose of receiving, disposing of, visiting, and attending to the wounded or disabled soldiers as they shall, from time to time, arrive in the city; such committees to coöperate with the State agents and medical attendants; each committee to serve one week, and to have the powers of substitution and of increasing their numbers at pleasure; and the Recording Secretary shall give due written notice to each member of the committee of his turn.

Ninth. This Association shall have power to call general meetings of the sons of New England at such times as may be deemed proper, in order to submit to their consideration the action and plans of the Association, and to solicit their aid and advice in promoting the objects of this Association, namely, the tender care of volunteer soldiers who may have been disabled in the camp, in battle, and on the march to or from the seat of war.

Tenth. These articles may be altered or added to at any meeting by a vote of a majority of the Association present, notice of the alteration or addition having been given at a previous meeting.

Eleventh. At any meeting of this Association, the number of nine shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Committee on Location made a verbal report, stating that the building rented for the use of this Association would be ready on the fifth day of April.

Rev. Dr. Vinton then offered, and Judge Peabody seconded, the following resolution:

Resolved, That Col. Frank E. Howe be appointed Super-

intendent of the rooms and offices provided for the use of this Association, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Gould then read the following letter from Governor Sprague, of Rhode Island, which was ordered to be recorded with the minutes.

"STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, &C., }
 "EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. }
 "PROVIDENCE, April 2, 1862.

"DEAR SIR: I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 29th ult., communicating a copy of Resolutions passed at a meeting of the New Englanders.

"Be pleased to accept my thanks for your complimentary action. We are proud to be New Englanders, and to work under that honored name.

"I am, very truly, your obedient servant,

"WM. SPRAGUE.

"To CHAS. GOULD, Esq., Secretary, &c."

Rev. Dr. Bellows, on behalf of the President and Faculty of the Thirteenth Street Medical College, offered for the free use of this Association a ward in their Hospital with accommodations and medical attendance for one hundred of the beneficiaries of this Association.

Whereupon, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are tendered to the President and Faculty of the Thirteenth Street Medical College, for their liberal, humane, and patriotic offer, which is gratefully accepted and referred to Messrs. Hawkins, Almy, and Howe, to confer with them more particularly in reference thereto.

Dr. Perkins having in behalf of Dr. T. M. Cheeseman tendered his professional services to this Association, it was on motion of Mr. Pullen,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and they are hereby tendered to Dr. Cheeseman for his humane and patriotic offer of professional services, and the same are gratefully accepted, and that the Secretary be requested to notify Dr. Cheeseman of the action of this Association.

The Secretary, Mr. William Bond, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Secretary respectfully submits :

That, acting under the resolution authorizing him to subdivide this General Committee for certain purposes in said resolution specified, he has subdivided this General Committee into three Sub-Committees, leaving two to be hereafter designated, and that said Sub-Committees are constituted as follows :

Messrs. HITCHCOCK,	{	For the week ending <i>April 10.</i>
WELLINGTON,		
PULLEN,		
GOULD,		
VINTON,	{	For the week ending <i>April 17.</i>
PEABODY,		
LOW,		
WETMORE,		
PAINE,	{	For the week ending <i>April 24.</i>
BURNS,		
HOPPIN,		
FOGG,		

Which report was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was requested to notify the gentlemen above designated, in relation thereto.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Vinton, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the officers of this Association be and they are hereby appointed a committee to carry out the object and purposes of the resolutions passed at the Fifth Avenue Hotel meeting in reference to inviting the coöperation of other bodies and associations with this Association.

On motion of Gen. Wetmore, Mr. William H. L. Barnes was elected Corresponding Secretary of this Association.

On motion, Messrs. Low, Gould, and Bond, were appointed a Committee on Printing, with instructions to provide such Books, Printed Blanks, &c., as they may deem necessary.

Rev. Dr. Bellows, on behalf of the Sanitary Commission

tendered to this Association, hospital stores, garments, medicines, and such other articles as may conduce to the wants and comforts of the beneficiaries of this Association, the same to be furnished at any time at their depot on the requisition of the proper representatives of this Association.

Whereupon, Rev. Dr. Vinton offered the following Preamble and Resolution, which were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, The Sanitary Commission, by their President, Rev. Dr. Bellows, has made offer to this Association of hospital stores, garments, medicines, and other useful and necessary articles, therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby, tendered to the Sanitary Commission for their considerate offer, which is thankfully accepted.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the Astor House on Friday, April 4, 1862, at 3½ o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM BOND, *Secretary*.

“NEW ENGLAND SOLDIERS’ RELIEF ASSOCIATION.”

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRIDAY, April 4th, 1862.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, at half past three P. M., at room No. 41, Astor House.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman being absent, on motion of Rev. Dr. Vinton, Gen. P. M. Wetmore was unanimously elected Chairman *pro tempore*.

The following members were present, viz. :

Messrs. Hawkins, Pullen, Wellington, Vinton, Wetmore, Barnes, Peabody, Gould, Burns, Howe, Low, Knight, Almy, Hitchcock, Bond.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the corresponding Secretary.

The Chairman suggested that he had observed a discrepancy between the minutes and the by-laws embodied in them as respected the title of this body. In the one it was described as a Committee, and in the other as an Association. He thought this the proper time to determine whether it was an Association or a Committee of an Association. After discussion by Rev. Dr. Vinton, Mr. Hawkins, and others, on motion of Rev. Dr. Vinton, the minutes were amended so as to read “Association,” wherever the word Committee occurs.

The minutes as amended were then unanimously approved.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins, the Corresponding Secretary was directed to inform all members of the Committee of their election, and to obtain information whether they intended to serve.

The Chairman directed the Secretary to read a communication received by the Association from George Bliss, jr., A. D. C., and Col. Commanding N. Y. Depot of Volunteers, which was read, as follows :

OFFICE OF COMMANDANT OF DEPOT }
OF VOLUNTEERS. }

NEW YORK, *April 4, 1862.*

CHARLES GOULD Esq, *Vice-Chairman, &c. :*

DEAR SIR: I beg to inform you that, on behalf of the State of New York, I am engaged in fitting up the southern portion of the Park Barracks on Broadway, as a temporary receiving hospital, for the sick and wounded volunteers arriving in this city. It is intended to provide at once one hundred beds, and to arrange so that as many more can be added at a few hours' notice, but the building is large enough to accommodate many more than this if needed.

The Association of Physicians and Surgeons of New York and Brooklyn, (represented by Dr. Wood at the meeting at which your Committee was appointed,) will take medical charge of the patients.

In the same spirit which has led the State of New York to throw the Park Barracks open freely to the use of all regiments and soldiers arriving in this city, it is both my duty and my pleasure to state these facts to the Committee over which you preside, and to express the hope that they will find it consistent with their views of duty and propriety, to coöperate in this effort to care for all sick and wounded volunteers.

I may be allowed to add that the Park Barracks seem to me better adapted than any other building I know of, to answer the purpose your Committee have in view—the reception and care for a few hours of sick and wounded men.

I need hardly add in behalf of the State, that I shall cordially coöperate with your Committee in laboring for a common end. My desire is to see one systematic and efficient organization at work, representing all the States whose sick and wounded men are likely to arrive here, and caring for all alike.

Such accommodations as your Committee may desire in addition to those now preparing, will be readily furnished you at the Park Barracks without expense; or, if your Committee desire it, arrangements can easily be made for sharing the expense.

May I beg the favor of an early answer in order that, if you wish it, your views may be consulted in the fitting up of the Barracks?

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. BLISS, jr.,

A. D. C., and Colonel Commanding
N. Y. Depot of Volunteers.

Whereupon, Rev. Dr. Vinton offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Association cordially reciprocates the offer of Col. Bliss, A. D. C. and Col. Commanding N. Y. Depot of Volunteers, to coöperate with this Association in the care of sick and wounded soldiers returning from the seat of war to their homes.

Resolved, That the Secretary inform Col. Bliss, A. D. C. &c., that the building occupied by the New England Soldiers' Relief Association, 194 Broadway, is open at all hours for the admission of any disabled soldiers returning from the war.

The following letter was then presented and read from Dr. John H. Griscom :

42 E. 29TH ST., April 4, 1862.

MY DEAR SIR: Should the Committee of the Sons of New England desire any counsel in relation to the Hygienic or medical arrangements, contemplated for the reception and care of the sick and wounded soldiers, *in transitu* through this city, it will afford me great pleasure to render any assistance in my power.

The sick volunteers now in the New York Hospital, occupy some portion of my time at present, but I will gladly give any required attention in aid of the benevolent labors of your organization.

Very respectfully,

JNO. H. GRISCOM.

CHAS. GOULD, Esq.

Whereupon, on motion of Col. Howe, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby, tendered to Dr. Griscom for his humane

and patriotic offer of professional services, and the same are gratefully accepted, and that the Secretary be requested to notify Dr. Griseom of the action of this Association.

Gen. Wetmore, on behalf of Dr. A. K. Gardner, having tendered his professional services to this Association, it was, on motion of Rev. Dr. Vinton,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and they are hereby, tendered to Dr. Gardner for his humane and patriotic offer of professional services, and the same are gratefully accepted, and that the Secretary be requested to notify Dr. Gardner of the action of this Association.

The chairman suggested that it was necessary to fill the blank in Section Eleven of the Plan of Organization, declaring what number should constitute a quorum; and, after some discussion, on motion of Rev. Dr. Vinton, it was resolved that nine should be inserted in the said section, so that nine members of the Association should constitute a quorum thereof.

The chairman then announced the organization of the Association to be complete.

Mr. Hawkins moved the appointment of a committee of three, to prepare a suitable book for the enrolling of the members of the Association, and preserving a record of their respective offerings in aid of the Association. Carried.

The chairman appointed as such committee Messrs. Hawkins, Vinton, and Knight.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Corresponding Secretary was directed to prepare and cause to be printed, in a compendious form, 1,000 copies of the Plan of Organization of the Association, together with a list of its officers, and a description of the building occupied by the Association.

On motion of Col. Howe, the State Agents were appointed a committee to procure a suitable flag-staff and flag for the Association building, 194 Broadway.

On motion of Dr. Vinton, the State Agents were appointed a committee to procure suitable books for recording the names, &c., of all visitors to the Association, and also a

book for recording the names, residences, and other facts of interest, of all beneficiaries of the Association.

The Treasurer, being called on to report, stated that there had as yet been no meeting of the Finance Committee, and he had nothing to report.

On motion of Mr. Almy, seconded by Col. Howe, it was unanimously

Resolved, That R. H. McCurdy, Esq., be, and he is hereby, elected a member of this Association.

Col. Howe proposed Hon. R. J. Andrews, Surveyor of the port of New York, as a member of the Association, which was seconded by Mr. Pullen, whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That Hon. R. J. Andrews be, and he is hereby, elected a member of this Association.

Resolved, That the Secretary notify Messrs. McCurdy and Andrews of their respective elections, and invite their attendance at future deliberations of the Association.

Dr. Vinton gave notice that, at the next meeting of the Association, he should move to amend the by-laws by adding thereto a provision for the election of honorary members of the Association, who should not be resident in the State of New York.

Mr. Hawkins gave notice that, at the next meeting of the Association, he should move to amend the by-laws by adding thereto a provision for membership of the Association whereby all New Englanders, or descendants of New Englanders, residing in New York, may become members thereof by enrolling their names and residence in the book of members.

Col. Howe informed the Association, that Messrs. Stetson had provided a temperance collation in an adjoining room, to which attention was specially invited.

On motion of Col. Howe a recess was taken.

After the collation Mr. Charles Gould gave notice that, at the next meeting of the Association, he should move to amend the Plan of Organization by adding thereto the following section :

Any member, living in the city, who shall absent himself from three successive meetings of which he shall have been notified, without excuse, shall be deemed ipso facto to have resigned his office, and his connection with the Association shall thenceforward cease.

On motion of Col. Howe it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association and of each individual here present be, and they are hereby, gratefully tendered to the proprietors of the Astor House for the characteristic liberality which they have this day shown to this Association.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Vinton, the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, the 8th instant, at 8 o'clock P. M., at 194 Broadway.

WM. H. L. BARNES,

Cor. Sec. and Sec'y pro tem.

“NEW ENGLAND SOLDIERS’ RELIEF ASSOCIATION.”

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Tuesday, April 8, 1862.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and was called to order at 8 o’clock p. m., by Mr. Gould, Vice-Chairman.

The following members were present, viz. :

DEXTER A. HAWKINS, Esq.,	Col. FRANK E. HOWE, <i>State Agent,</i>
WILLIAM H. FOGG, Esq.,	F. E. WELLINGTON, Esq.,
Rev. R. D. HITCHCOCK, D. D.,	SAMUEL E. LOW, Esq.,
Hon. BENJ. W. BONNEY,	NEHEMIAH KNIGHT, Esq.,
Hon. CHARLES A. PEABODY,	Col. JOHN H. ALMY, <i>State Agent,</i>
Maj. J. A. PULLEN,	
JOHN PAINE, Esq.,	Gen. PROSPER M. WETMORE,
WILLIAM BOND, Esq.,	CHARLES GOULD, Esq.,
Dr. MAURICE PERKINS,	Rev. SAMUEL OSGOOD, D. D.,
	SAMUEL W. BRIDGHAM, Esq.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved, and the proceedings were unanimously confirmed.

Gen. Wetmore called up the amendment to the Plan of Organization, which Rev. Dr. Vinton gave notice at the last meeting he should offer for the consideration and action of this body. The amendment, after some discussion, was passed in the following words :

“Section 12. This Association shall be empowered to elect such honorary members from time to time as may be deemed expedient.

The amendment offered by Mr. Hawkins, of which he had given notice at a previous meeting, was then brought up and was discussed by Mr. Hawkins, Gen. Wetmore, Judge Bonney, and Judge Peabody, at some length; after which discussion the amendment was withdrawn and the following resolution, offered by Mr. Hawkins and seconded by Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That all natives of New England resident in the State of New York, desirous of coöperating with this Association, be invited to enroll their names and residences in the Register of the Association, and make whatever offering they may be disposed to make to the funds of the Association.

The following letter from Rev. Dr. Bellows, President of the Sanitary Commission, was then presented, and read to the meeting:

U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION. }
NEW YORK, April 8, 1862. }

MY DEAR MR. GOULD: A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sanitary Commission, at the very hour of your meeting this evening, makes my presence impossible at the Session of the New England Soldiers' Relief Association.

Being anxious, however, to know what measure of dependence you are going to place upon the stores of the Woman's Central Association, (one branch of the Sanitary Commission in this city,) I have requested my friend Mr. Bridgham, the active Committee man *on supplies*, in that body, to wait on you, to learn what you may now want, and are likely to want from us. As we are constantly sending off our supplies to distant points, we do not wish to retain here more than is needful, while we are most anxious at the same time to retain all that is needful to meet the requirements of your highly respected body.

Please receive Mr. Bridgham in my name, and consider him as an official visitor from the Sanitary Commission.

Of course he does not expect to intrude upon your Committee meeting; but waits your orders, and such reception as your rules and wishes may allow.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY W. BELLOWES,

Pres. of the U. S. San. Com.

After the reading of the letter, on motion, Mr. Samuel W. Bridgham was unanimously elected a member of the Association.

It being announced by Col. Howe, that Rev. Mr. Henry, Chaplain of the United States Hospital at Annapolis, was then in an adjoining room, he was on motion invited to meet with the Association, and Col. Howe was appointed a Special Committee to procure his attendance, which duty was immediately performed.

The amendment offered by Mr. Gould, of which he had given notice at a previous meeting was then brought up, and after discussion, was adopted in the following words :

Section 13. Any member being in the city, who shall, without excuse, absent himself from three successive meetings, (of which he shall have been notified,) shall be deemed, *ipso facto*, to have resigned his office, and his connection with the Association shall thenceforward cease.

The following letter from the Assistant Adjutant-General of Rhode Island, was then read, and the Secretary instructed to communicate the information desired :

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, &c. }
 ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
 PROVIDENCE, 5th April, 1862. }

Secretary Soldiers' Relief Association :

SIR : I am directed by his Excellency the Governor, to say that Rhode Island will cordially unite with the other States, in giving support to your organization.

He would be very glad if you would communicate to this department, the plans of the Association, &c.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

AUG. HOPPIN,
 Assistant Adjutant-General.

WM. BOND, Esq.

On the nomination of Gen. Wetmore, seconded by Judge Bonney, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected honorary members of this Association, and the Secretary was requested to notify them of their election :

His Excellency, GOVERNOR ANDREW,
of Massachusetts.
 “ “ GOVERNOR SPRAGUE,
of Rhode Island.
 “ “ GOVERNOR BUCKINGHAM,
of Connecticut.
 “ “ GOVERNOR HOLBROOK,
of Vermont.
 “ “ GOVERNOR WASHBURN,
of Maine.
 “ “ GOVERNOR BERRY,
of New Hampshire.
 “ “ GOVERNOR MORGAN,
of New York.

Gen. Wetmore, after a few remarks, nominated Col. George Bliss, jr., commanding New York Depot of Volunteers, as a member of this Association, which nomination was seconded by Col. Howe, and carried unanimously, and the Secretary requested to notify Col. Bliss, of his election.

The following communication was then presented and read :

We, the undersigned, place our professional services entirely at the order of the New England Soldiers' Relief Association, holding ourselves ready to attend to the wants of the wounded soldiers arriving in this city, at any hour of the day or night.

A. K. GARDNER, M. D., 144 East 13th st.

W. R. DONAGHE, M. D., 102 4th Avenue.

J. E. STEELE, M. D., Irving Place.

J. P. GARRISH, M. D., 40 West 21st st.

HORACE GREEN, M. D., 12 Clinton Place.

GEO. B. BOUTON, 44 E. 11th st.

J. C. KENNEDY, Duane st.

Whereupon, on motion of Rev. Dr. Osgood, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby, tendered to Drs. Gardner, Donaghe, Steele, Garrish, Green, Bouton, and Kennedy, for their humane

and patriotic offer of professional services, and the same are gratefully accepted; and that the Secretary be requested to notify those gentlemen severally of the action of this Association.

The Secretary, Mr. William Bond, submitted the following:

The Secretary respectfully submits—

That, acting under the Eighth Section of the Plan of Organization, which reads as follows:

Eighth. The Secretary shall select from this Association five committees, (excluding the several State Agents,) to form Visiting Committees for the purpose of receiving, disposing of, visiting, and attending to the wounded or disabled soldiers as they shall, from time to time, arrive in the city; such committees to coöperate with the State Agents and medical attendants; each committee to serve one week, and to have the powers of substitution, and of increasing their numbers at pleasure; and the Recording Secretary shall give due notice to each member of the committee of his turn—

He has selected the following

VISITING COMMITTEES:

For the Week ending April 17th.

REV. FRANCIS VINTON, D. D., HON. CHAS. A. PEABODY,
SAMUEL E. LOW, Esq., GEN. PROSPER M. WETMORE.

For the Week ending April 24th.

JOHN PAINE, Esq., JEREMIAH BURNS, Esq.,
WILLIAM J. HOPPIN, Esq., WILLIAM H. FOGG, Esq.,

For the Week ending May 1.

REV. SAMUEL OSGOOD, D. D., R. H. MCCURDY, Esq.,
NEHEMIAH KNIGHT, Esq., HON. BENJ. W. BONNEY,

** For the Week ending May 8th.*

REV. R. D. HITCHCOCK, D. D., F. E. WELLINGTON, Esq.,
MAJ. J. A. PULLEN, WM. H. L. BARNES, Esq.,

For the Week ending May 15th.

WILLIAM M. EVARTS, Esq.,	REV. FRANCIS VINTON, D. D.,
SAMUEL LOW, Esq.,	CHARLES GOULD, Esq.

Also that due notice has been sent to each member of the committees designated.

WILLIAM BOND, *Secretary*.

Which report was unanimously accepted.

Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, after a few prefatory remarks, read a letter which he had received, in which the writer, on the part of herself and others, tendered their services in any way that they could be rendered available in coöperation with this Association in ministering to the wants, necessities, and comforts of the sick and wounded soldiers who shall arrive in this city, and suggesting the plan of an auxiliary association of women to be organized and conducted under the supervision of this Association, in order that the purposes of this humane charity may be carried out with greater system and efficiency.

The subject matter referred to in the letter was discussed by Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, Rev. Dr. Osgood, Mr. Bond, Judge Peabody, Col. Howe, and others ; after which discussion the following resolutions were offered by Mr. Bond, seconded by Judge Peabody, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Association, recognizing the eminent propriety of rendering such services, gratefully accept the offer made through Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, of the assistance of an Association of women in promoting the objects of this Association as declared in the basis of organization, namely, "the tender care of volunteer soldiers who may be or may become disabled in the camp, in battle, or on the march to or from the seat of war."

Resolved, That a Committee of Three, of which the Rev. Dr. Hitchcock shall be the Chaiman, be appointed with full power to initiate, and on behalf of this organization to perfect, a plan by which the assistance and services of an auxiliary association of women may be made available in

accomplishing the purposes of this Association,—such committee to make a report in writing of their action, under this resolution, to the next meeting of this Association.

Whereupon, Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, Rev. Dr. Osgood, and Col. Frank E. Howe, Superintendent, &c., were appointed such committee.

On motion of Col. Howe, it was

Voted, That the officers of this Association be requested to officially notify Lieut.-Col. A. B. Eaton, Assistant Commissary-General of Subsistence, U. S. A., of the organization and purpose of this Association, and request from him such official coöperation as he may deem consistent with the regulations of his department.

Col. Howe announced that he had received official information from the Executive authorities of Rhode Island, expressing their cordial sympathy and desire to coöperate with this Association in carrying out its benevolent purposes.

Col. Howe announced that he had received a communication from His Excellency, Gov. Andrew, expressing his gratification at the organization of this Association, and signifying his intention to place, at their disposal, an ambulance to be used for the comfortable transportation of the sick and wounded soldiers through the city.

Col. Almy stated to the meeting, that he had recently seen His Excellency, Governor Buckingham, of Connecticut, who had desired him to express his warm appreciation of the objects of this organization, and on behalf of the State, his thanks for their thoughtful and considerate kindness in making provision for the sick and wounded Connecticut soldiers. He also asked permission to be allowed to contribute personally to the Treasury of the Association the sum of one hundred dollars.

The Committee on Location asked for instruction in relation to certain details connected with the fitting up of the building, No. 194 Broadway, which after discussion was referred to the Committee with power to determine.

On motion of Mr. Knight, it was

Voted, That the Finance Committee be authorized and requested to perfect the details connected with the lease of the premises, No. 194 Broadway.

Mr. Bridgham, on behalf of the Sanitary Commission, made some remarks in reference to the matters referred to in the letter of Rev. Dr. Bellows, previously read.

Whereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the General Superintendent, Col. Frank E. Howe, with Messrs. Almy and Hawkins, State Agents, be appointed a Committee to confer with the Sanitary Commission in regard to the inquiries and suggestions contained in the communication of Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, &c., and to determine the action of this Association in relation thereto.

Rev. Mr. Henry being called upon, addressed the meeting, and made some interesting statements regarding the Hospital at Annapolis, and also gave the benefit of his observation and experience with soldiers, in furtherance of the general purposes of this Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet at No. 194 Broadway, on Tuesday, April 15, at 7½ P. M.

WILLIAM BOND, *Secretary*.





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